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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAN JOSE 3529

FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, CS, CU

SUBJECT: COSTA RICAN-CUBAN RELATIONS

REF: SAN JOSE 3514 (NOTAL)

1. IN CONVERSATION AUGUST 20 PRESIDENT ODUBER TOLD ME THAT PREVIOUS DAY HE HAD RECEIVED A CUBAN OFFICIAL NAMED ANTELO (REFTEL, PARA 4) WHO HAS BEEN IN AND OUT OF COSTA RICA FOR THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS LOOKING AT POTENTIAL PURCHASES WHICH CUBA MIGHT MAKE FROM COSTA RICA. ODUBER AGREED FOR A CUBAN FIVE-MAN DELEGATION TO VISIT SAN JOSE WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS FOR DIRECT DISCUSSIONS WITH THE BUSINESSES CONCERNED. THE CUBANS ARE INTERESTED PRIMARILY IN TEXTILES, DRUGS AND MEDICINES, AND A LARGE AMOUNT OF RICE. ODUBER SAID HE THOUGHT THERE WAS LITTLE COSTA RICA WOULD WISH TO BUY FROM CUBA IN RETURN.

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2. ANTELO ASKED ODUBER AGAIN ABOUT ESTABLISHMENT OF

DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND WAS TOLD THAT FOR THE TIME BEING COSTA RICA PREFERS TO SEE HOW THE COMMERCIAL RELATIONS DEVELOP BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

3. ODUBER SAID HE STILL BELIEVES IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR MEXICO, COLOMBIA, VENEZUELA AND PANAMA TO COMBINE THEIR EFFORTS TO WORK ON CUBA TO MOVE OUT OF THE SOVIET ORBIT AND BECOME MORE CLOSELY INTEGRATED WITH CARIBBEAN AFFAIRS. HE EXPRESSED THE INTENTION TO DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT WITH ASST. SECRETARY ROGERS AS SOON AS THE OCCASION ARISES.
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